

❖ What is the name of your school?

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- ❖ When was your school founded? IN 1880
- ❖ How many teachers are there in your school? ABOUT 50
- ❖ How many students are there in your school? ABOUT
- ✕ How old are the students in your school? 15 TO 19 YEARS OLD
- ❖ What other staff members do you have in your school besides teachers? SCHOOL SECRETARIES, AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, KITCHEN PERSONNEL, CLEANING PERSONNEL, ICT SUPPORT, MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL, A SCHOOL NURSE, A SOCIAL WORKER, GUIDANCE COUNSELLORS, A SPECIAL ED TEACHER

❖ What subjects are compulsory?

MOTHER TONGUE AND LITERATURE

A-LANGUAGE, STARTING IN GRADES 1-6 (most often English)

B-LANGUAGE, STARTING IN GRADES 7-9 (most often Swedish)

MATHEMATICS (BASIC OR ADVANCED)

BIOLOGY

GEOGRAPHY

PHYSICS

CHEMISTRY

RELIGION OR ETHICS

PHILOSOPHY

PSYCHOLOGY

HISTORY

SOCIAL STUDIES

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

MUSIC

VISUAL ARTS

HEALTH EDUCATION

EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE

❖ What subjects are optional?

ALL OF THESE COURSES HAVE BOTH COMPULSORY AND OPTIONAL COURSES. IN ADDITION YOU CAN STUDY MORE LANGUAGES (GERMAN, FRENCH, SPANISH, ITALIAN, RUSSIAN), GLOBAL STUDIES, ICT. WE ALSO HAVE A LOT OF SPORTS TRAINING.

What kind of printed materials do you have, eg. course books, handouts? **COURSE BOOKS AND HANDOUTS**

- ❖ Do you have a lot of electronic course materials?

YES, WE ARE STARTING TO HAVE MORE AND MORE ELECTRONIC MATERIALS. STARTING FROM NEXT YEAR, WE'LL HAVE SEVERAL ELECTRONIC COURSEBOOKS.

EXAMS WILL ALSO BE ELECTRONIC, INCLUDING THE NATIONAL FINAL EXAMS.

- ❖ What kind of computer and internet -based tools are used in lessons?

ALL THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS USE THE MICROSOFT 365 -PACKAGE, SO WE SHARE FILES ON ONEDRIVE, WRITE REPORTS WITH WORD, MAKE PRESENTATIONS WITH POWERPOINT, ETC.

WE ALSO USE E.G. GOOGLEFORMS, PREZIS, AND MANY OTHER TOOLS.

❖ How often does your schedule change during the school year?
FIVE TIMES A YEAR

❖ How is your school year divided (do you have periods, modules, terms, etc.)?

WE HAVE FIVE PERIODS THAT LAST ABOUT 7 WEEKS EACH. AT THE END OF EACH PERIOD WE HAVE AN EXAM WEEK, WHERE YOU HAVE ONE EXAM PER DAY.

❖ What is the structure of a typical school day like?
LESSONS BEGIN AT 08.05 OR 9.30, LUNCH BREAK FOR 30 MINUTES BETWEEN 11 AND 13, LESSONS FINISH AT 14.05 OR 15.30. BREAKS BETWEEN LESSONS ARE 10 MINUTES

❖ How long are the lessons?

75 MINUTES (MAXIMUM OF FIVE LESSONS A DAY)

❖ What kind of holidays do you have?

1 WEEK OF AUTUMN HOLIDAY IN OCTOBER, ABOUT 2 WEEKS FOR CHRISTMAS, 1 WEEK WINTER HOLIDAY IN FEBRUARY, TWO DAYS FOR EASTER, AND ABOUT 10 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAY FROM THE BEGINNING OF JUNE TO THE SECOND WEEK OF AUGUST

❖ How do you address your teachers (sir/ ma'am/ first name/ something else)?
USUALLY BY THEIR FIRST NAMES

❖ What kind of groups do you have? How many students do you typically have in a group? Do you always study with the same group?

MOST GROUPS HAVE CA. 30-35 STUDENTS, BUT SOME GROUPS CAN BE A LOT SMALLER, TOO. TYPICALLY A STUDENT HAS 6-8 COURSES IN EACH PERIOD (7 WEEKS) AND THEY HAVE A DIFFERENT GROUP FOR EACH COURSE. WHEN A NEW PERIOD STARTS, THEY HAVE ALL NEW GROUPS. FIRST YEAR STUDENTS TEND TO STUDY MORE WITH THE SAME GROUP.

❖ What are your classrooms like?

THEY ARE QUITE MODERN, BECAUSE THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN RECENTLY RENOVATED. THE BUILDINGS THEMSELVES ARE QUITE OLD, FROM THE 1800'S.

EACH STUDENT HAS THEIR OWN DESK AND CHAIR, BUT THE DESKS ARE USUALLY ORGANIZED SO, THAT STUDENTS SIT TOGETHER WITH A PARTNER

❖ What is your school lunch like?

GOOD. AND IT'S FREE FOR STUDENTS.

❖ What do you do during breaks? How long are your breaks?

THE BREAKS ARE ONLY 10 MINUTES, SO THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME TO DO ANYTHING. PLUS WE STUDY IN TWO BUILDINGS, SO WE MIGHT HAVE TO MOVE FROM ONE BUILDING TO THE OTHER DURING THE BREAK.

❖ Do you have WiFi or access to computers? What do you use them for in school?

THERE IS WIFI IN THE SCHOOL, SOME COMPUTERS IN THE LOBBIES, AND TWO COMPUTER CLASSROOMS. STUDENTS ARE SUPPOSED TO BRING THEIR OWN LAPTOPS TO SCHOOL. LAPTOPS ARE USED FOR PROJECTS, PRESENTATIONS, REGULAR SCHOOLWORK, SOME EXAMS.